

INSTRUCTIONS

CFS-6024

PERMANENCY HEARING COURT REPORT

PURPOSE:

Twelve months after the date the Juvenile enters an out-of-home placement, or earlier if ordered by the court the court shall hold a permanency planning hearing. A permanency planning court report (CFS-6024) is to be completed before the scheduled permanency hearing. One CFS-6024 will be completed for all children of a sibling group for whom a permanency planning hearing is scheduled. The CFS-6024 shall be submitted to CASA, OCC, and all parties no later than seven days before the scheduled permanency planning hearing.

COMPLETION:

PART I

Docket #: Identify docket number assigned by the court.

Hearing Type: Permanency Planning Hearing.

Hearing Date: The date of specific court hearing.

County of Jurisdiction: County in which the court hearing is held.

Judge's Name: Name of presiding judge to review permanency-planning hearing.

Family Service Workers Involved: Identify all Family Service Workers involved with the case beginning with the current worker.

PART II

Child(ren): Identify the name, date of birth, most recent date of entry into foster care, and total amount of time in foster care of all children involved.

PART III

Parent(s)/Legal Custodian(s): List the names, addresses, and relationship of parents and legal custodians

Develop a brief narrative identifying information on father's whereabouts.

PART IV

Placement(s) History: Identify child's name and placement name, type and location starting with the current placement.

PART V

DHS Recommendations: The worker will check the appropriate recommendation based upon the facts of the case. The recommendation regarding the permanency plan must be justified by the narrative within the CFS 6024.

If "Return Home" is checked a summary of the steps necessary to make the return possible and the reunification services needed to minimize any danger when the child returns must be included.

If "Adoption" is checked, include a list of the steps already taken (see "Steps Taken" column) and the steps still necessary (see "Barriers" column) to terminate parental rights and place the child for adoption. Provide an Estimated Date of Finalization.

If the recommendation does not include return home or adoption a discussion of a permanent placement such as guardianship, permanent custody, independent living or a specific foster

family including a timetable, recommendations concerning the terms of the permanent placement and the rights and responsibilities of the parents.

PART VI

Sibling Information/Relative Visitation: Identify the existence and location of all siblings. Indicate whether siblings are separated and provide a statement of the reason(s) for the separation. If it is appropriate to reunite the siblings, describe the efforts made or that will be made to reunite these siblings as soon as possible to maintain regular contact. If visitation was established prior to TPR between siblings and/or with relatives a recommendation for visitation after TPR will continue, if it is in the child's best interest, until an adoption placement is made or the out-of-home placement case is closed.

PART VII

Summary of Compliance: Discuss objectives of the Family-Centered Services Case Plan (CFS 6010) and requirements of court orders for the parents, children and DCFS or contracted provider and state the degree to which each has complied with these requirements and how they have complied. Also describe the services and assistance provided by DHS to the parties.

PART VIII

Recommended Services for Permanency of Child(ren): Discuss recommendations to meet the current physical and psychological needs of the child and include any recommendations of professionals. Other specific recommendations (e.g., counseling, child support, parent education, etc.) may be included.

Consider recommending continuation of visits between the child and their siblings or other relatives, if it is in the child's best interest.

PART IX

Signatures: Worker and Supervisors names and signatures must be obtained. Document date report submitted to Attorney.

ROUTING:

- One copy submitted to the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), if one has been appointed;
- One copy each to the parties in the case;
- One copy to the DHS Office of Chief Counsel (OCC);
- DHS/DCFS will retain the original and present the report to the court at the scheduled hearing, subject to evidentiary objections.

NOTE: The above listed copies shall be provided no later than seven business days **before** the scheduled permanency planning hearing.